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Congress proposes new alcohol limit

by Brandy Langfitt
Asst. Photo editor

Last year 42,000 people were killed on our nation's roads; about 41 percent of the deaths were alcohol related. A bill recently introduced to Congress will institute a national legal blood-alcohol concentration limit.

This bill would require Washington to lower the legal blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) level from .10 to .08. For the average man and woman, the difference is one less alcoholic drink per hour.

Proponents of the bill argue that drivers with a BAC level of less than .10 are still dangerous. These drivers are responsible for more than 3,700 deaths in the last year.

Supporters also point out the bill isn't intended to prohibit people from drinking, just to stop drunks from getting behind the wheel.

"I have seen people who are significantly affected at .08," Steve Ritterreiser, chief of campus police said.

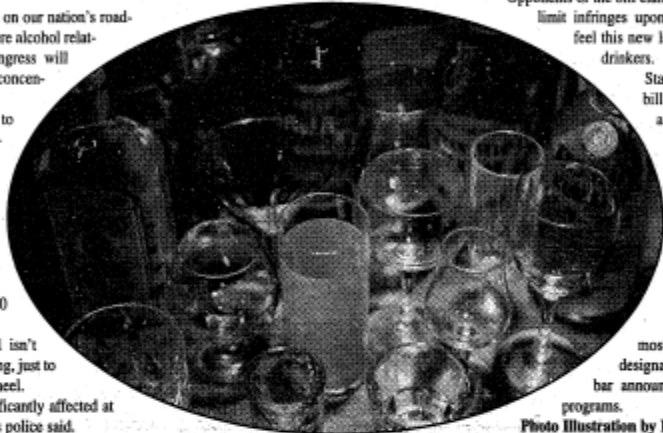


Photo illustration by Brandy Langfitt

In 1996 Campus Police cited 19 people with Driving Under the Influence tickets. This is an increase from the eight tickets written in 1995.

Opponents of the bill claim federally enforcing the lowered limit infringes upon individual states rights. Others feel this new law will punish responsible social drinkers.

States which don't comply with the bill by the year 2000 will risk losing a portion of their federal highway money. President Clinton has announced that he will sign the bill into legislation when it gets to him.

Seventeen states have already passed legislation lowering their BAC limit to .08. Other states have attempted to pass similar laws, but have failed. As an alternative to alcohol, most establishments offer free soda to designated drivers. Notices posted by the bar announce support of designated driver programs.

Fast Facts

*Approximately 500,000 people are injured in alcohol related accidents every year.

*At a BAC of .10, the risk of a fatal crash is 32 times greater than that of a driver who has not been drinking.

Bright lights in the big city

Brett Allen
Asst. News editor

Orange lights streaking across the dark horizon baffled thousands of Washington residents and a couple of Central students at 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Initially, the lights were explained as the Leonid meteors or showers. However, some witnesses credited the lights to other things.

"I thought it was a 747 doing an emergency landing," senior Dave Mash said.

Mash and some friends drove out to the country looking for the crash site.

"I totally thought it was a UFO," senior Carrie Braughn said. "There were four or five lights evenly spaced, and they were moving slowly across the horizon."

The actual cause of the "light show" was the scattered debris of a Russian SL-12 rocket, which was used to launch a satellite into orbit several days earlier.

According to the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), the pieces of the rocket burned up upon entering the atmosphere.

NORAD officials said that whatever debris didn't burn in the atmosphere, landed in the Pacific Ocean off the Washington coast.

Student faces drug trial

Police found drug paraphernalia in a residence Sunday, Oct. 12, while responding to an alleged sexual assault at the Campus Village apartments.

Jim Denison, deputy prosecuting attorney, said Steve Gray, the occupant, was charged with possession of marijuana under 40 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia but was not taken into custody.

In an arraignment Monday, Oct. 27, Gray pleaded not guilty to the charges. He will face trial Dec. 2.

Gray, a Central student, refused to comment on the charges, but said there was never a party.

The Oct. 12 investigation resulted in sexual assault

Financial Aid offers more assistance for students

by Peggy Choyce
Staff reporter

Picture Central's campus with about 4,700 fewer students walking around. Though hard to conceive, if there was no financial aid, this picture could turn into reality.

Agnes Canedo, director of the Office of Financial Aid, (OFA), said about 67 percent of all students at Central are receiving some sort of financial aid. Financial aid is awarded as grants, loans, work study, and/or scholarships. The amount of aid distributed at Central last year was just under \$42 million, Canedo said.

More than \$6 million in federal, state, and university grant money was awarded in 1996-97. Any student who is eligible will receive a federal grant which is based on government regulations.

Most aid comes in the form of loans, Canedo said. Unlike grants, loans are geared to provide access to money for all students. The amount of money awarded through federal loans at Central has increased from just under \$8 million to over \$28 million in the past four years.

"Any student who needs some financial assistance should apply because these loans are a good deal," Canedo said. "They don't look at your credit history if you're a student in good academic standing." The federal government is the actual lender of the money but the OFA

processes the loans.

If a student accepts work study, they have to work for the money.

The OFA identifies jobs here on campus that are eligible for work study funds, but the student has to land the job. The student works, and government supplements the salary.

Student Lorna Richardson said she enjoys working in the financial aid office as part of her work study in addition to the grant money she receives. Richardson spent two years at a community college before coming to Central because she said that was all she could afford. "Without financial aid, I wouldn't be here at Central today," Richardson said.

The OFA has three counselors on staff who assist students with their applications and explain the rules involved with financial aid awards. Student Lacy Wisner said she has found the counselors to be very helpful. "They don't tell you how to fill out the application," Wisner said, "but they can advise."

Richardson said the counselors she



"Any student who needs some financial assistance should apply."

— Agnes Canedo

has seen have given her special one on one attention. "They are very good at showing they really care about you," said Richardson.

Canedo said the OFA typically awards financial aid in one form or another to about 7,000 students per year. Typically, only about 5,000 choose to receive the aid.

There's no deadline as to when students can apply and receive financial aid, Canedo said. Students can apply for aid for this year up through June 15 by visiting the OFA office in Barge 115.

New Rules

The rules of financial aid eligibility have changed. Students are no longer required to complete 12 credits per quarter to receive aid. Instead, eligibility will be awarded to students who have completed 36 credits by the end of spring quarter.

Students in the spirit for giving

by Erich Lisch
Staff reporter

Today is the final day to donate meals or debit dollars to the Dining Services Hunger-event. Hunger-event is a program set up to help the Ellensburg Community Christmas Baskets program.

The fund drive helps local families who need food over the holidays.

"Last year we raised \$6,000," Ann Spangler, program assistant for Dining Services, said. "I'm surprised that the students went all out for this."

Spangler said it was the most money ever raised for the Dining Services Hunger-event.

Sally Dunlop, Chair of Community Christmas Baskets program, said last year 650 families from Ellensburg received baskets of food. She said Central has done a beautiful job at contributing.

The Christmas baskets con-

tain non-perishable food, such as rice or tuna. A turkey is also given to needy families who want a Christmas Basket.

Each time someone contributes a meal, \$2 is put toward the baskets.

"I think it's an easy way to help," Megan Hearn, freshman elementary education major, said. "You don't have to go out and buy canned food, you can just do it here (at the dining hall)."

The Hunger-event started Monday and continues until tonight.

Students can donate meals or debit dollars from their meal card during meal hours at Holmes West, Studio East and Tinsell Commons. Donations will be accepted until 11 p.m. at the evening snack at Studio East. Cash donations are being accepted at the Dining Services Office in Holmes East.

For more information call 963-1591.

Minors on moped and a dozen eggs

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2:30 a.m.

Officers were called to Quigley Hall because a resident heard glass breaking. Evidently, an 18-year-old man tripped and fell through one of the doors at Quigley. The estimated damage was \$250.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 8:01 p.m.

Officers had information concerning a moped that was stolen earlier in the week. Police were patrolling the Brookline Village Apartments when they spotted two subjects riding a moped. Police proceeded to perform a traffic stop, but the two subjects, a 16 and a 17-year-old boy dumped the bike and started running. Police were able to catch the 16-year-old but the driver kept running. During the contact the man was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for the stolen moped and minor in possession. Around 11:30 p.m. the 16-year-old boy was found and police arrest-

ed. He was transported to the Yakima Juvenile Detention Center. The 17-year-old man was released later that evening.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 1:15 a.m.

An 18-year-old man reported that approximately 35 compact discs and the case that carried the CDs were

stolen out of his room in Quigley Hall. The man had got up to use the

restroom and upon his return found his door shut and locked. When he got back in the room he found the CDs stolen. Estimated loss was \$420. No suspects have been found.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2:15 a.m.

Campus Police received a call from an LGA in Beck Hall because there was an unknown number of suspects who threw a dozen eggs on the north side of the hall outside. Police have no leads at this time.



Campus Cops

by Todd Murray
Staff reporter

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Obituary

A memorial celebration honoring Central theater professor Betty Evans will be held at 4 p.m., Nov. 23 in the Tower Theatre. Following the memorial service there will be an open microphone, no-host reception at Pub Minglewood located on 402 N. Pearl St. Former students, associates and friends are invited to attend.

At A Glance

Ware Fair '97 will take place Wednesday Dec. 3 to 5 in the SUB. Ware Fair will include booths selling hand-crafted gifts and food. There will also be several live performances.

Central's English department is now seeking submissions for the 1997-98 edition of its literary journal, *The Manastash*.

Central students interested in applying should submit a double-spaced, hard copy of their story, essay, play or poem to the English department office in the Language and Literature building by Jan. 15. Submissions must be less than 2,500 words, and accompanied by a cover sheet.

Central's Army ROTC is sponsoring a drive to collect new and used school supplies for disadvantaged children in war-torn Bosnia. Glue, paper, crayons, books, markers, tape or anything people can spare would be appreciated. Drop boxes are at Shaw-Smyser, Mitchell, the SUB, the library, L&L, Michaelson and Peterson Halls.

Auditions for placement in Ballet II and Modern II classes will be held Monday, Nov. 24 in Nicholson Pavilion room 106. Auditions for Ballet II will be held from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. and Modern II will be held from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. For more information call 963-1993.

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City to decide on complex property issue

by Paul Lohse
Staff reporter

Ellensburg city attorney Paul Sullivan and Yakima city attorney James Carmody disagree on some of the legal issues concerning the proposed sale of city property to either Dominion Development or Fred Meyer Corp.

"One of the things you need to be careful of in making a decision of this magnitude is to make sure everything fits," Carmody said.

Carmody, in a letter to the Ellensburg City Council, raised several legal and public policy questions concerning the sale.

"The very short time framework precludes any meaningful public input," Carmody said. "We should strongly urge the Council to allow public participation in a meaningful way."

Carmody represents Ellensburg Central, a coalition of Ellensburg businesses concerned with how the proposed sale will affect downtown businesses.

Sullivan disagreed with Carmody in a letter to the city council.

"I disagree, on a legal basis, with

every assertion Mr. Carmody makes," Sullivan said. "The letter, at best, distorts the facts or law used to support the arguments made and, at worst, is wrong and purposely misleading."

Carmody said Ellensburg is legally required to accept public bids, establish the conditions of a sale and determine property to be surplus prior to sales.

"The very short time framework precludes any meaningful public input."

— James Carmody

council members are personally liable if they do not require bids.

Sullivan said the City of Ellensburg may proceed without concern over the sale's legality.

Larry Sharpe, president of Ellensburg Central, said there is a lack of public participation in the decision and the city needs to give more thought and consideration to its decision to develop the property.

Sharpe said the Ellensburg's comprehensive plan isn't specific enough and detailed criteria needs to be established concerning growth.

"We feel they need some specific criteria on how they want it developed," Sharpe said. "We want it to look good and be a real asset."

Safeway pitches plaza

by Paul Lohse
Staff reporter

Safeway and Dominion Development pitched their plan to develop a 125,000 square foot shopping complex Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Hal Holmes Center.

The new complex would feature a larger Safeway, J.C. Penney Co. Inc. and Lamonts in addition to a variety of other retail shops.

"What we want to do is give the community a wider range of places to shop," Cherie Myers, Safeway northwest regional director of public affairs, said.

Dominion Development is competing with Fred Meyer for an empty stretch of Ellensburg city property between Tacoma and First Avenues.

Hallmark Cards, Sears Optical and GNC have also expressed an interest in the project.

Safeway and Dominion argue their complex will blend in better with Ellensburg's historical character.

Safeway said the new complex will feature brick-faced buildings



Heather Ziese/Observer

Dominion Development is proposing a plaza at the same location as the Fred Meyer proposal. It will hold a new Safeway, J.C. Penney, Lamonts and other retail.

and street lamps similar to those downtown.

"I see it as two different concepts," Joel Crosby, Dominion Development representative, said. "One is a box retailer on an asphalt slab. Our's is a multifaceted shopping center designed to be compatible with the Ellensburg community."

Myers said Fred Meyer failed to learn about Ellensburg before pitching their idea to the community.

"If you look at their development, it was asphalt, it wasn't part of the community," Myers said. "They (Fred Meyer) hadn't done

their homework."

Safeway said they should be given the opportunity to build because of the company's long-standing involvement with the community.

Safeway said they expect to add 40-60 new jobs if a new store is built and other retailers would add 150 new jobs.

Many people at the informal community get-together supported Safeway and Dominion's plans. This didn't include everyone.

"I don't like that (development) no matter who does it," Ida Maurer, Ellensburg resident, said. "I like my little town."

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CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Well sure he wobbles around a lot, but my money says that that boy just won't fall down."

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LETTERS

Athletic fee doesn't benefit everyone

To the Editor,
 This is a rebuttal to the ASCWU Executive Vice Presidents defense of the athletic tax. In Mr. Waddell's own words, "It is time to get the facts straight..." Although the tax was voted for overwhelmingly, the election was marked by hints of foul play. Not more than two weeks before the election I recall an initiative that would have raised the tax to \$20, but just days before ballots were to be cast it jumped to \$35. In addition, the election was not promoted to the back bone of this institution, the academic majors. Your propaganda was distributed throughout the SUB but I never saw it in Lind Hall. Serious stu-

dents don't spend their time in the SUB, jocks and their subsequent "jock supporters" do. We, on the other hand, study in our respective halls. This leads me to believe that the tax was supported by students affiliated with the athletic department. It would be nice, Mr. Waddell, to find out that statistic.

I came to this university to create a future for myself and my family, not to support a welfare system that aids under privileged athletic majors. It may only be thirty five dollars to you but to me it means a lab fee, or maybe a computer fee or better yet health insurance. All of these services mentioned relate to my education. And because of these fees,

the cost of my education has risen so high that I am now forced to live in the back of a van. Tell me, what can your athletic department do for me?

According to you the bright side is that I now get to attend free games. Oh, that's right maybe you forgot about the thirty five dollars that is coming out of my pocket every quarter to attend these games that I don't even go to!

Again, Mr. Waddell, in your words, "if you have any questions or concerns..." stop by my van and see how a dedicated student survives on his own resources.

Mark Moffett

Society should not go easy on domestic abusers

To the Editor:
 In the Nov. 13 Observer, Phillip LaDouceur vehemently disagreed with the domestic violence article by Jesse Santos.

I do not have a problem with the fact that Mr. LaDouceur disagreed with the article.

I do have a problem with why he disagreed with the article.

Personally, I did not care for the IN YOUR FACE style of the article, but the naturalistic tone of the article was designed to make the reader think twice about not reporting instances of domestic violence.

There are a few points made by Mr. LaDouceur that I must take exception to.

First, he states: "The point should not be to understand the victim." If the victim is not to be understood, how can the victim be helped? I do not have a PhD in psychology, but even I know that if a person is to be helped, that person must first be understood.

stood. Would you accept medical treatment without having had a diagnosis? I think not.

Next, he states: "The attacker must be fully accepted and understood, not condemned, but put into a position to be converted." Accepted and understood? There is a huge problem here. It sounds like you want to go easy on people who attack their spouses. I think not throwing the book at DV offenders would only perpetuate the problem. I am all for "converting" the offender if at all possible, but I do not want to make the offender feel accepted and understood. The offenders must be condemned.

What if a good friend of yours was a victim of domestic violence and the judge said to the attacker: "Hey, that's OK. Let's go out for a beer and talk this thing out." Would you not be upset?

He makes a good point when he says: "the victim must be

shown how not to become a victim." Education is always a benefit, but he goes too far by saying: "Quite honestly, some victims allow themselves to become victims." The days of saying "SHE ASKED FOR IT" are over.

The mindset of a victim of DV is far too complex for average people such as Mr. LaDouceur or myself to understand.

Perhaps the most important idea of the article which Mr. LaDouceur failed to pick up on is that people who see instances of domestic violence at the neighbors house must be willing to step forward and put an end to it.

Mr. LaDouceur, I must ask you to put yourself in the shoes of the victim. How would you like it if you were the victim, and the person who beat you within an inch of your life was accepted and understood by the community?

Think.

Ken Stange

Witnesses to domestic violence must get involved

To the Editor:
 There was a letter in the Nov. 13 Observer entitled "Domestic violence article took wrong perspective." The letter was written by Phillip LaDouceur in response to Jesse Santos' article describing a very personal account of domestic violence. I am wondering what part of Ms. Santos' article Mr. LaDouceur was disagreeing with, because it was neither asking a question nor stating a controversial opinion. I don't think he understood at all the intent of the article. The words Jesse used were meant to shock the reader. The descriptions of violence and suffering drew everyone in, gawking and

next—just like her neighbors stood in her lawn and watched as she struggled for her life. All Jesse wanted was for someone to yell "Stop!" One word might have drawn her abuser out of his tunnel of rage long enough for her to escape. Jesse's article was not written so much for sympathy but as a plea to witnesses of domestic violence: Don't just stand there and watch—or worse yet, "mind your own business"—call out to the victim, shout the attacker's name, call the police. You could save a life.

For the purpose of staying on track with the issues in the past two articles, I will refer to the abuser or attacker as male and the victim as

despite Mr. LaDouceur's ill-informed opinion and wishful thinking, the occurrence of men being physically abused by their partners happens much more frequently than "extremely rarely." There are men who allow themselves to be victimized by violent women and who suffer the same psychological humiliation and fear as battered women do. Men also suffer the social stigma of being the "dominant partner" in our society, making it even more difficult for a battered male to speak out.

The message I got from Mr. LaDouceur's letter was "Yeah, yeah, women get beat up...SO WHAT?"

Student discusses myths and realities of domestic violence

This letter is in response to the Nov. 13 letter to the editor on domestic violence. Although I agree that Jessie Santos article focuses solely on the victim, I strongly disagree with Mr. LaDouceur naive view of the "victim" in any domestic violence case. I would like to discuss myths of domestic violence to educate anyone who may be confused on the matter. Instead of using just my own opinion,

I will use researched proof.

1) Once a battered woman always a battered woman.

The Family Violence Prevention Fund found that the majority of women that successfully managed to escape alive are more than careful to choose a different type of relationship. It also found that 13 percent of these women choose to live life alone rather than run the risk of another abusive

relationship.

2) The relationship will get better.

The Center for Woman's Studies reports that these relationships are stubbornly resistant to change and even with the best therapeutic help, change is usually slow. It also found that 40 percent of men continue to violently beat the women in their life.

3) Battered women can always leave.

Mr. LaDouceur's comment, "They (the victim) allow themselves to become victims . . .", is like saying a rape victim allows themselves to be raped. This comment is no more than an oxymoron. The truth is a 1992 Domestic Violence Survey found that 42 percent of abused women could not leave because of economic reasons. These women did not have their own income. The same study found that 49

percent of women believed that they should keep their marriage together for the sake of their children, and nearly half of all women murdered by their spouses are separated, or are in the process of separating at the time.

So the next time you see, or hear domestic violence think to yourself, that is someone's sister, someone's daughter, someone!

Ross Fotheringham

VIOLENCE: Victims of domestic violence should feel free to speak out

From Page 4

What's important—no, supremely important—is to accept the attacker and his views. We cannot condemn his actions or tell him what he did was wrong, because that might cause him to fear explaining his reasoning behind beating his wife in front of his children and neighbors. If we just let him talk, we can help this poor misunderstood man change his ways! I hate to disappoint you, sir, but this has already been thought of. It's called Perpetrator Treatment. It used to be called Anger Management.

The problem with this program is that the only men required to go through it are those who have been arrested for domestic violence. Most of these men are resistant and angry. They don't have a problem. Those who do admit they need help still have a very low success rate.

Domestic violence is all about control. These men have worked very hard at gaining control over their partners. They didn't start out hitting them. It started with words, insults, belittling and degrading comments, looks and changes in their eyes. It progressed into objects getting thrown across the room, threats, punishments, isolation, ever growing lists of rules and demands that only she had to follow, checking up on her constantly, showing up at her work early or in the middle of shift, getting her fired, insulting her family and forbidding her to talk to them anymore, destroying all support systems she has. Now that he has her jumping through hoops and walking on eggshells, she's bound to break a rule, say the wrong thing or try to rebel—and he's got her where he wants her. He owns her. She has suppressed her own ideas, opinions,

dreams, desires, feelings and intellect and taken on his to be the "perfect wife" he's insisted she be. If she steps over one line he's told her not to cross, that's one excuse enough to grab her or slap her—and she won't disagree. She may resent him and even think about leaving him, but she'll apologize and agree not to break his rule again. He'll apologize, maybe even cry, and insist he was only trying to keep her in line and make sure she knew her place in their relationship. She'll allow herself to believe him—and she'll believe him again and again. Who else could put up with her? Who else could love her like he does? Who else would want her? What man would want a woman who already has kids? She believes she has no other options. Besides, he promises he'll kill her if she tries to leave him or take his kids from him. Now what?

As I stated earlier, the Perpetrator Treatment program only requires those arrested for domestic violence to attend. Those people will take whatever they want from the program and be finished with it. Bad habits are hard to break. Habits are behaviors that are performed over and over again and require a strong desire in order to change. Domestic violence, for both the abuser and the victim, runs in a cycle. First there is a

honeymoon phase, when both are trying hard to cooperate and communicate. Next comes the tension build-up phase, when the bickering starts, the belittling comments. This is often the most difficult phase for the victim. She knows he's going to hit her soon, and the tension gets to the point where she'll cross that line just to get it over with. Then they go back to the honeymoon phase again. It's this phase that keeps the victim hooked on hope. "This time he'll change. He promised he won't drink anymore." Both of them believe it at the time. Life is good, they are in love—partners against the world. Anyone who tells her to leave during the honeymoon phase might as well be talking to a brick wall. She's going to support him. It just never lasts.

Mr. LaDouceur wrote "The point should not be to understand the victim." How on earth can you delete the victim from the situation? He then went on to say that "the victim must be shown how not to become a victim." How does he propose showing them how to stay out of a violent relationship without understanding what put them there in the first place? It seems to me Mr. LaDouceur believes that if we only shut our eyes to these victims, as society has all throughout history, then there won't

be a problem. To reply "So what?" to an article written about a personal experience by a woman who is no longer afraid to keep quiet about domestic violence seems another attempt at silencing her and all domestic violence victims.

Not everyone feels sympathy for these women. A majority of people, men and women, are disgusted by a woman who stays. "Why doesn't she just leave?" I've heard it a million times. It's not that easy, nothing about domestic violence is easy. That is why it is so misunderstood. Both of these people need help and guidance. The only way they will get the help that need is through intervention and education. If you know of a domestic violence situation, offer the victim guidance if it is safe for you to do so. Contact the police if you feel the woman or her children are in danger. Educate yourself on domestic violence. All we need is another letter published by someone else as misinformed as Mr. LaDouceur. We have a national epidemic—the leading cause of injury to women and children is domestic violence. We will be unable to help these people until we as a society—as a nation—change our attitude that domestic violence is a family problem. Get educated! Break the silence.

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SCENE

Hawking: it's not just for the birds



by Jaclyn Hughes
Staff reporter

Leisure activities for many people include playing sports, reading and hiking, among other things. Central junior Micah Mercer and his family participate in a sport that most people haven't even heard of. It's called hawking. Their idea of fun is heading to the Horse Heaven Hills behind their house in Kennewick to watch their Harris hawks, Sniper and Gump, snatch up a meal.

Of course, it wouldn't be complete without their Jack Russell terrier, Shiloh.

"The object of hawking is to go out and hunt with your bird," Taffy

Mercer, Micah's mom, said.

The activity is simply watching the birds perform the amazing hunting skills Mother Nature so graciously gave them. In fact, human participation is minimal.

"The birds and dogs work together," Taffy Mercer said. "We're just the chauffeurs."

The Mercers got their start around 20 years ago. Taffy Mercer was horseback riding and came across a falcon that had been shot with a BB gun.

Taffy Mercer, a life-long animal lover and licensed raptor rehabilitator, nursed it back to health and became hooked on birds of prey.

"One thing led to another and I've been doing it ever since," Taffy Mercer said.

Continuously rehabilitating birds of prey began to strain the family financially, so they decided to stick with the sport of hawking, since the

birds are the ones who catch their own meals.

The hunt, which is in an open area without nets or any other kind of enclosure, goes like this: after the hawk is released, it perches in a high spot.

Meanwhile, Shiloh sniffs out wild rabbits and chases them out from their hiding spots. Once the rabbit goes dashing through the grass, the bird easily spots it and swoops down, grabbing the animal with its talons.

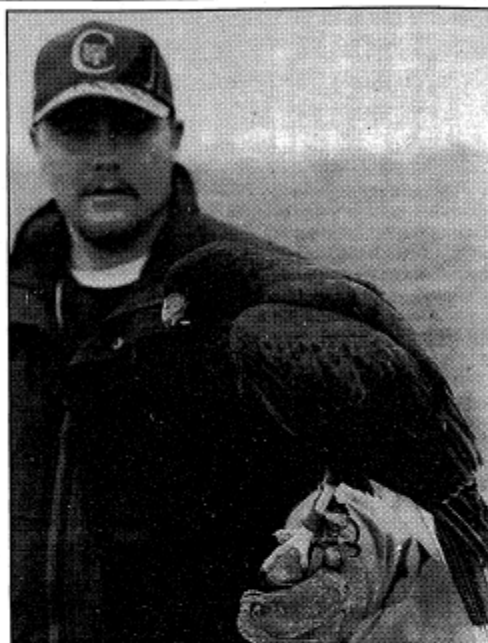
Then someone takes the rabbit away from the bird, which is saved for another day's meal. In return, the bird gets a smaller tasty morsel for a job well done.

The Mercers said if they allowed the birds to devour the rabbit, the hawks would become full and would no longer want to hunt. By taking the food away, the bird still wants to fill its stomach. Micah Mercer said when the birds are ready to begin hunting, they have to be hungry.

"We train them through repetition," Micah Mercer said. "But we also control their weight to make them more responsive."

KCAT'S TOP FIVE SONGS

5. SHIFT - IN HONOR OF MYSELF
4. FUEL - JESUS OR A GUN
3. RUSTY POINDEXTER - MEAN SPIRITED SOW
2. JUNKSTER - THE ONLY ONE
1. G. LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE - STEPPING STONES



Photos by Kelly Christensen/Observer

Junior Micah Mercer holds "Sniper," a 5-year-old Harris hawk.

The Mercers stressed that the hawks are treated humanely and with the utmost respect.

The license plate holder on the family van said it all: "I'd rather be hawking."

Students climb the walls

by Peter Buckley
Staff reporter

The fitness club known simply as The Gym will soon have a grand atmosphere. The Gym, located on 208 W. 5th, is undergoing a \$100,000 renovation.

The major addition to the The Gym is a 12-foot rock-climbing wall.

"Kinitas County has a big rock-climbing community," co-owner Mario Andaya said.

At just 12 feet, the wall may not look like much of a challenge, but Andaya said the challenge is up to the user.

"People can make it challenging by climbing sideways and using the inverted angles it provides," Andaya said. "It allows people to climb even in bad weather."

Also new to The Gym are tanning beds, 20 new weight machines and new locker rooms.

New lighting and a much needed heating and air conditioning system will be installed as well.

Co-owner Israel Valencia said the renovation is all in the best interest of the customers.

"We really want to provide good service to our customers," Valencia said.

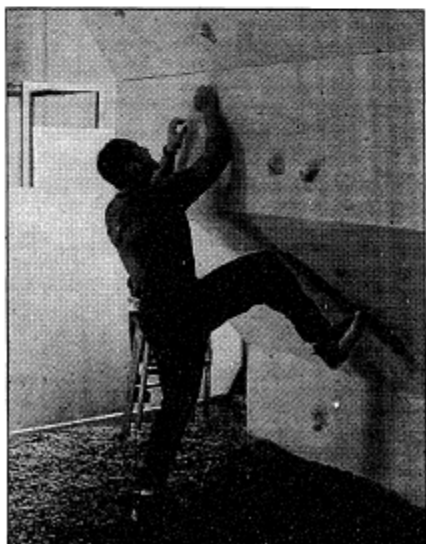
With the new changes, some might wonder if membership fees will increase. Andaya said customers have nothing to worry about.

"We're really doing this (renovation) to upgrade the facility," Andaya said. "Membership fees won't go up anytime soon. Any increase that may come will be reasonable."

Valencia said being under construction while still in business hasn't been a problem.

"Even though we're still renovating, we're still getting more members," Valencia said.

Sophomore Tim Fields said he likes the changes.



Kelly Christensen/Observer

The Gym co-owner Israel Valencia tests the new climbing wall.

Junior Bryan Loeffler, community health major, said he enjoys the new atmosphere of The Gym.

Popular pizza place re-opens

by Sarah Spiro
Staff reporter

Many Washingtonians consider the town of Roslyn a national landmark because of its association with the television show, "Northern Exposure." Several small businesses in Roslyn gained exposure through the show, one being Village Pizza, owned by Darrel Harris and her mother, Nan Balmer.

After a devastating fire, Sept. 2, 1996, Village Pizza re-opened on Oct. 29, 1997.

"My dad died in the fire and when we shut down there were articles in newspapers all the way to the east coast," Harris said. "But we always knew we were going to re-build."

Harris said there are slight differences in the appearance of the restaurant, but it looks very similar to the original building.

Village Pizza is open every day from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"We always got a lot of college people in here, so we'd love to have them back," Harris said. "We've already gotten a very positive community response. We've been getting cards from people all over. We're packed every night, it's really

Groups improve off-road trails

by Toby Staab
Staff reporter

A volunteer group is working hard to improve the quality of outdoor recreation in Kittitas County.

Over the past few years a cooperative group of community members and land owners have established an organization designed to preserve the diverse interests of people recreating in the Manastash drainage.

This group, known as the Yakima Resource Management Cooperative (YRMC), is monitoring recreational activities such as motor biking, camping, hunting, logging, mudding and all Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) use that has damaged this popular region.

Under a state grant, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC), is working with YRMC to stop the destruction of this wildlife area.

Over the past year officials have caught many people, including Central students, illegally off-roading.

As a result of these and similar activities, several meadows, streams and camping areas have undergone a million dollar facelift to restore them to their natural state.

"We've worked extremely hard to restore Buck Meadows over the last two years," Debbie Kelly, Forest Service public affairs officer, said.

To protect streams and meadows, a green dot/diamond system has been established to designate roads and areas open to ORV use.

A special ORV map, the Kittitas County Off-Road Vehicle Recreation Guide, shows open and closed roads. It can be picked up at the local Chamber of Commerce behind Safeway.

The map is \$2 and shows exactly where designated ORV roads/trails are located and who owns the adjacent land.

So far, the best thing for the environment is to totally close down all access to motorized vehicles, but



Kelly Christensen/Observer

Forest service rangers, Tom Smart and Debbie Kelly, work closely with various off-road-riding clubs to develop the Manastash trail system.

because of diverse usage, the YRMC does not want to completely limit access.

"We are out there to service the needs of the community and the environment," Tom Smart, ORV ranger said.

Many ORV clubs have united to preserve their sport under the associations of the National Motorcycle Association, and Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association.

These groups work closely with the YRMC and the Forest Service to develop strategies that teach people responsible use practices and show the destruction renegade users cause when they tear up the land.

The goal of these groups is to upgrade ORV use opportunities, lessen the impact of man on the environment and provide an opportunity for the community to have fun and enjoy the environment.

The practice of "mudding" is illegal because it tears up the land,

spreads weed seeds, disturbs stream beds and causes sediment to build up in water systems.

Penalties for such activity range from \$100 to \$5,000 and possible jail time.

"People really need to stop and read the posted signs so that they can be sure they aren't breaking the law," Smart said.

Volunteers, as well as rangers, patrol both the Manastash and Table Mountain regions hoping to stop ORV abusers before they destroy years of restoration work.

"If people can feel ownership in the land, then they are more likely to help enforce and educate others on the benefits of preserving and protecting both the land and activities," Smart said.

Tips for trail users

- Stay off soft or wet roads that can be torn up.
- Avoid steep hillsides or stream banks that get broken up by vehicle use.
- Avoid running over low lying shrubbery.
- Don't forge new trails.
- Follow regulations and gate closures.
- Pack out all garbage.

Halls declare war

by Heather Miles
Staff reporter

The Sparks and Beck Halls rivalry is heating up again. The two halls are fighting a penny war to win cookies and other prizes, all for the opportunity to help out the local food bank.

"The rivalry was getting a little too intense between the two dorms. We needed to get the dorms to lighten up, so we thought the penny war would create a good competition without the intensity," Aaron Gahringer, Sparks LGA, said. "The losers of the competition have to come over to the other dorm with milk and cookies and read bedtime stories."

Each hall has a penny jug, for each floor. The object is to put loose change into these jars to be donated to the Food Bank in Ellensburg.

The winning floor in Beck Hall will receive a pizza party, while the winning floor in Sparks will win a trip to Yakima for a day of laser tag.

"We don't need to brag, we know we will win," Gahringer said.

Sparks Hall is presently in the lead.

"Sparks may be ahead but not by much," Pepper Woodery, Beck LGA, said. "We're catching up. The penny war is just a friendly rivalry to have a little fun."

"Not only that, the money is going to feed families for Thanksgiving," she said.



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Central Events

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

Noon, Shaw Smyser 111 Marketing Club adviser Tom Kotta's slide show of Mount. McKinley and Mount. Everest climb

2 p.m., SUB Yakama Room Student Success Seminars presents "Memory Improvement"

5:30 p.m., Counseling Center Lounge Depression Support and Educational Group meeting

6 p.m. SUB 206 PRSSA meeting

8 p.m., Hertz 124 Saxophones in Concert directed by Joseph Brooks

8:30 p.m., CMA Church SALT Co. featuring Andy Bliss in concert

9 p.m. to close Karaoke at The Mint Bar and Grill

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

11:15 a.m., Holmes Dining Hall Soup, Salads and Soaps

Noon, SUB 107 AA meeting

4 p.m., Dean 102 Science Seminar: "The Peruvian Amazon: Site for a CWU Field Station?" by John Alwin department of geology and land studies

7 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion Wrestling vs. Simon Fraser University

7:30 p.m., SUB Club Central Benefit concert for the Ellensburg Pregnancy Care Center featuring "sOnkist," and "Through the Wall"

8 p.m., Hertz Recital Hall Guitar Ensemble conducted by James Durkee

8 p.m., Tower Theatre "The Crucible"

10:30 p.m. to midnight Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool SALT Co. Swimming party

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

All day event, Nicholson Pavilion Freestyle wrestling

1 p.m., Swimming at Whitman

8 p.m., Tower Theatre "The Crucible"

9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Elks Club KCAT Rave

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

1 p.m., Women's JV bas-

7 p.m., SUB Club Central Catholic Campus Ministry

8 p.m., Hertz Recital Hall Brass Choir conducted by Jeffrey Snedecker

MONDAY, NOV. 24

Noon, SUB 107 AA meeting

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

2 p.m., SUB Yakama Room Student Success Seminars presents "What's available at CWU"

7 p.m., McConnell Auditorium Classic Film Series presents "Mon Oncle"

3:30 p.m., Counseling Center Lounge Eating Disorder Support Group meeting

4:30 p.m., Counseling Center Lounge ADD and AD/HD Support Group meeting

6 p.m., Women's basketball at Seattle Pacific

6 p.m., SUB Sam's Place Black Student Union meeting

7 p.m., First Presbyterian Oasis Christian Fellowship

9 p.m. to close Karaoke at Amie's Horseshoe Sports Bar

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Noon, SUB 107 AA meeting

3 p.m., SUB 213, Non-Trad Lounge Child Development Seminar Series presents "Can I Have a Cookie?" Healthy Snacks and Treats

4 p.m., SUB 213, Non-Trad Lounge Parental Support Group

5 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion Women's basketball vs. Puget Sound

5 p.m., Bouillon 102 National Broadcasting Society meeting

5 p.m., Counseling Center S.T.E.P.S. meeting

6 p.m., Barto Lounge Residence Hall Council meeting

6 p.m., SUB Yakama Room GALA meeting

6:30 p.m., SUB Chief Owhi Room Campus Crusade for Christ

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Book full of 'wild tales'

by Gina Embury
Staff reporter

Many people feel their life is, at times, an open book. For others, that expression can be taken literally.

A heart-warming, fun-loving book can best describe *Wild Winds and Other Tales of Growing Up in the Outdoor West*.

This is the first down-to-earth, tell it like it is book I have read in a long time. I might even take it as far as to say ever.

The book is made up of 36 short stories about a man's life, dealing with everything from wildlife to relationships.

The author of this book is a professor at Central. He is currently teaching in the geography department and has also taught in the communications department.

James L. Huckabay began writing this book about 10 years ago.

"Having a new book is like having a baby," Huckabay said. "It's a great experience."

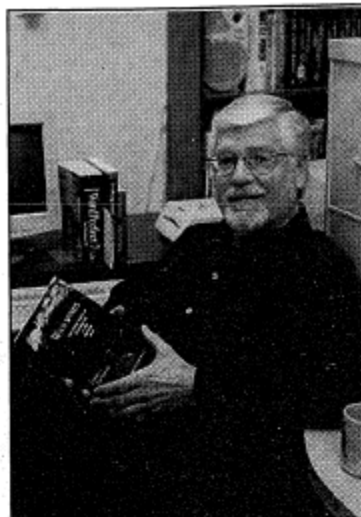
Not only does the book contain stories about Huckabay, it also includes his family, friends and pets; mainly Freebe, "the wonder dog." All the sketches in the book were drawn by his children.

Huckabay said every story is written to stand on its own. Also the stories are arranged in such a way that together they tell a larger tale.

I don't want to give away too much about the book, so you'll have to read it to see what he means by that.

Huckabay's inspiration for writing this book came from his experiences in the outdoors and he said at some point he wanted to start writing about these experiences.

He has dedicated the book to Brad Johnson who is the



Kelly Christensen/Observer

Professor Jim Huckabay relives life experiences in his new book.

man that led him in the direction of writing these stories. The book is not targeted for any specific age group.

"I just had stories that wanted to be told I guess," Huckabay said.

Wild Winds and Other Tales of Growing Up in the Outdoor West will be published nationally in January, 1998. However, right now the book can be bought at both Jerrol's and the campus book store.

Jerrol's will also be hosting a book signing with Huckabay on Dec. 3.

This was a great book and, I encourage you all to go out and buy it.



by Jaime Alexander Peterson
Staff reporter



Crooner Connick conjures up a cure for craziness

For those of you who are buried in books or stressed out and feeling the need to escape to a dark nightclub and relax with your beverage, I've got a simple solution.

Go buy whatever you like to drink

and on the way home, stop by the nearest record store and pick up Harry Connick Jr.'s new album, *To see you*. When you return home, fix your beverage and dim the lights. This soothing 10 song release offers over 75 minutes of that "nightclub feel."

Every song offers solos by differ-

ent instruments and the patented voice of Harry Connick Jr. Not only can you kick back and relax while enjoying the melodies, but this album is the perfect choice for those "special moments" alone with your loved one(s).

Although this album doesn't offer a lot of excitement like his *Blue Light*, *Red Light* album, he gives a very musical and solo oriented assortment of songs. From the get-go you are introduced to the albums feel with "Let Me Love Tonight" continues to groove with the title track "to see you." These cuts carry themselves, but the entire album is full of depth.

It is a refreshing change from the usual crap on the radio. For you jazz fans, like myself, it is a great buy.

PIZZA: Daughter continues tradition

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great." Residents of Roslyn, as well as the Ellensburg community, are equally excited to see Village Pizza re-open. "(Village Pizza) is the best," senior Carrie Vaughn said. "It has the same warm, welcoming atmosphere as before, and maybe even more so now, since all the time and effort that went into rebuilding a landmark after such a tragedy. It's

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Women's bas-
ketball vs.
Western
Montana, 6
p.m.
Swimming @
Whitman
College, 1 p.m.

Lumberjacks cut Wildcats down; Central's post-season hopes wilt

by Dan Hanken &
Ryan Leopold
Staff reporters

What seemed like an easy task, defeating 1-8 Humboldt State, backfired as the Lumberjacks ended the Wildcats season and any chance for a playoff berth with a 40-30 win at Tomlinson Stadium last Saturday.

A win in Saturday's Columbia Football Association showdown would have placed the 'Cats in the race for an at-large bid for the NAIA playoffs.

As it turned out, the Wildcats ended the season 5-4 overall and 3-2 in conference.

"It's hard to finish at home how we did," head coach John Zamberlin said. "These kids played hard all year."

The Lumberjacks, who came into the game with the worst offense and defense in the conference, exploded for 40 points and over 450 yards of total offense.

The Lumberjacks quickly stunned the 'Cats on their first play from scrimmage with a 68-yard touchdown reception.

Humboldt never looked back.

On their next possession, the Lumberjacks capped off an 11 play, 80 yard drive with a 24-yard touchdown off a fake field goal attempt. The Wildcats found themselves down 14-0 with 5:47 left in the first quarter.

On the following possession, freshman punter Ian Tyrrell bobbled the snap and was tackled by a swarm of Lumberjacks in Wildcat territory.

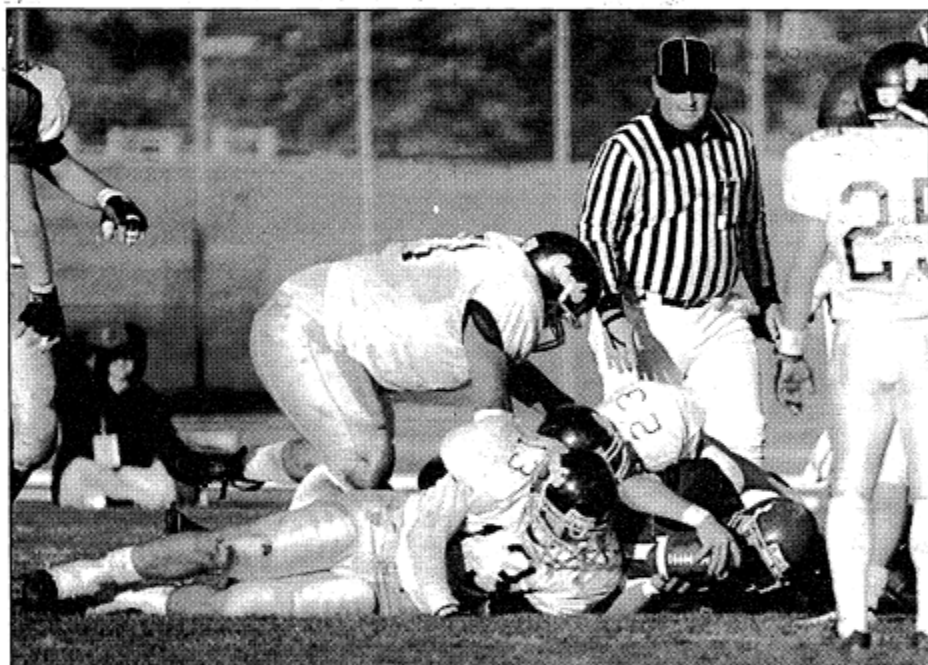
Humboldt took advantage by scoring a 2-yard touchdown. The Lumberjacks capitalized on several Wildcat turnovers, penalties and costly mistakes to go into halftime with a 23-0 lead.

"We made too many mistakes on both sides of the ball," Zamberlin said. "Defensively we gave up too many big plays."

In the third quarter, with their leading rusher, sophomore Dan Murphy, hobbled with an injury, and the team down 23-0, the 'Cats took to the air to try to rally a comeback.

The Wildcats came out firing on the strong arm of junior quarterback Casey Jacox who completed a school record 41 passes.

"We felt confident about our chances in the



Brandy Langfitt/Observer

Josh Woodard makes a catch against Humboldt in Saturday's game. Woodard was named to the 1997 Columbia Football Association All-Star Team.

second half," Jacox said. "We felt we were in the game the whole time."

Jacox hit senior wide receiver Tony Frank for a 36-yard touchdown to start the rally early in the third quarter.

Following a Lumberjack field goal, junior defensive back Leland Sparks intercepted a pass and returned it 32-yards for a Wildcat touchdown to cut the deficit to 26-14.

Unfortunately, Humboldt responded with a 70-yard touchdown reception to put the 'Cats out of contention.

"I feel bad for the seniors," Jacox said. "It's hard to end the season like this."

'Cat '97 football stats

Dan Murphy... So, RB....Rushed for 722 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also snagged 15 catches for 102 yards and a touchdown.

Tony Frank... Sr, WR....Pulled in 46 catches for 812 yards and five touchdowns.

Defensive Leaders:
Rico Iniguez... Sr, LB....Posted 65 tackles, six for losses.

Scott Henry... So, DB....Led the team with three interceptions and finished third on the team with 40 tackles.

Scott Morgan... Sr, DL....Compiled a team leading seven sacks and finished second in tackles for losses with 10.

CFA lists eight Central players on All-Conference Team

First Team: QB Casey Jacox, junior; RB Dan Murphy, sophomore; SB Josh Woodard, senior; WR Tony Frank, senior; OL Mark Doll, junior; DT Scott Morgan, senior; LB Rico Iniguez, senior; DB Leland Sparks, junior.

Central wrestlers take on world's best in Canada

by Rob Sullivan
Staff reporter

In the face of competition against foreigners from Afghanistan, Nigeria and the Ukraine, Central wrestler's fared pretty well at the Simon Fraser University Clansmen invitational tournament last weekend.

"It's a very international flavored tournament," Central head coach Kevin Pine said. "You didn't hear a word of English in the final matches."

"You didn't hear a word of English in the final matches."

-- Kevin Pine

Olympians, the Clansmen Invitational is one of the toughest freestyle tournaments for col-

inexperienced in freestyle," Pine said. "The caliber of wrestling is very high."

Despite the fact that Central's wrestlers didn't score a team point, three Wildcats, Jared Pierson, Jeremy Brummett and Bart Orth, came through the tournament with 3-2 records.

Orth lost a tough match after he was up 1-0 with 20 seconds remaining in the final period of his match with Matt Baugh of the University of Saskatchewan.

Baugh managed to run off four straight points on Orth in those final seconds to take a

Calgary, who finished third in the 78-kilogram weight class.

After losing his first match of the day, Pierson battled back to take three straight matches in the 71-kilo class, before falling to Per Lars Blomgren of Burnaby Mountain.

Brummett suffered the same fate as Pierson, winning three straight matches; after dropping a close 6-2 match with Doni Burlengary of Brock, Ontario.

Brummett lost to the eventual fifth-place finisher in his last match. In his fourth match of



Intramurals wrap up fall season



Central's fall Intramural Sports Program ended this week with only minor glitches.

"All the leagues were run exceptionally well," recreation coordinator Bruce Mace said. "Sportsmanship



Photos by Tony Nelson and Brandy Langfitt/Observer



Clockwise from top: football champs, The Gym; b-ball players in action; soccer team, Shirtworks, triumphs; and the men of the winning v-ball team.

was good, it was competitive and fair."

Over 1,000 Central students participated in intramural sports this fall. And intramurals employed 100 officials. Mace said intramurals benefit

students in many ways.

"It's a tremendous social outreach for (students)," he said.

The Winter program is organized and ready for teams to register.

Winter 1998 Intramural Sports Program

• 5x5 indoor soccer

League limited to first four teams to register. League play begins Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998.

Leagues:

Co-ed "X," 7:15 p.m., co-ed "Y," 8:10 p.m.

• Basketball

League limited to the first 8 teams to register.

Games begin Monday, Jan. 12, 1998.

Leagues:

Alpha

Co-ed "A," 6 p.m., men's open "B," 7 p.m., 6' & under "C," 8 p.m., men's open "D," 9 p.m.

Beta

Women's "E," 6 p.m., 6' & under "F," 7 p.m., Men's open "G," 8 p.m., 6' & under "H," 9 p.m.

• Volleyball

Leagues limited to the first 6 teams to register.

games begin Monday Jan. 12, 1998

Leagues:

Women's 4x4, 7:15 p.m., co-ed "R," 8:15 p.m., co-ed "S," 9:05 p.m.

• Racquetball

Leagues limited to the first 16 teams to register.

League play begins Monday, Jan. 12 1998.

Fees: \$5 per entry.

Leagues:

Men's and women's singles and men's and women's doubles.

ISP league info:

All leagues are \$40 per team. Registration: Nov. 17 — Jan. 7 or as leagues fill.

Registrations are taken with a completed team roster and appropriate fees.

Pick up team forms at University Recreation, SUB 111, or at Nicholson Pavilion 108.

Hours: 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. For special inquiries call 963-3512.

Wildcat Nightgames:

Jan. 9 — NPAV extended hours, Jan. 23 — Indoor Wiffleball, Feb. 6 — Cuthroat Racquetball, Feb. 20 — 5x5 indoor flag football.

All Nightgame events are free. Register at the Intramural Office — NPAV 108 — on or before the day of the event.

Tournaments

Jan. 24 — Stadiumball, Jan. 31 — 5 on 5 indoor soccer, Feb. 7 Schick 3x3 basketball, March 6-8 — indoor tennis tournament. All tournament fees are \$10 per event except Stadiumball and 5 on 5 indoor soccer which are \$20. Registration begins two weeks prior to each event at SUB 111.

Fall 1997 ISP playoff results

Volleyball — 2x2 volleyball: Paul Kelly team beat Brian Harley 2-0. Co-ed volleyball: Joe Mohn beat The Posse 2-0. Co-ed soccer: Shirtworks beat the Flaming Thunder Ferrets 6-4 in a shootout. Flag football — Men's: The Gym beat Wanis Nadir 26-12. Co-ed: Wanis Nadir beat the Knights' 34-18. Basketball: Results not available.

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'Cats finish

Runners dealt with eight inches of snow at the NAIA Cross Country Championships held Saturday, Nov. 15 at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Central senior Donovan Russell was Central's top finisher. He placed 135th out of 336 runners in a time of 28-minutes 45 seconds on the men's eight kilometer course.

"Time wise, it's tough to know how they would have done in better conditions," Central head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

Central's other male representative to nationals was junior Fred Schmitt. He finished 162nd with a time of 28:59. Central's only woman competitor — sophomore Tara Gauthier — placed 227th in a time of 22:23 on the women's five kilometer course.

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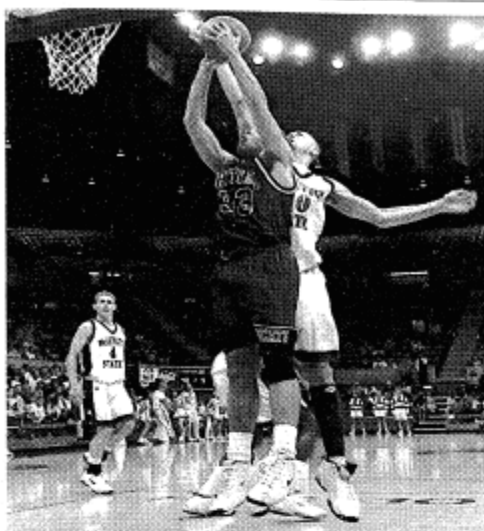
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Rob Sullivan/Observer

The 'Cats lost by 29 points to the Division I Cougars.

'Cats basketball loses twice

by Mike Wells
Staff reporter

The Central men's basketball season got off to a rocky start.

Last weekend, the Wildcats dropped their first two ball games of the season.

On Friday, the 'Cats fell 90-61 to Division I Washington State University.

"We played hard, but we gave the Cougars too many second-chance opportunities," assistant coach Mike Burns said.

The Wildcats found themselves in a hole early, when freshman Justin Bursch picked up two quick fouls 30 seconds into the game.

Even with Bursch on the bench, the 'Cats were able to exchange baskets with the Cougars for the first couple of minutes.

With the score at 16-14 in favor of the 'Cats, the Cougars went on a

15-2 run to give them a 29-16 lead.

The Cougars had a 19-point lead going into the break.

The 'Cats were unable to get a big run together in the second to get them back into the ball game.

The Cougars had a significant height advantage over the Wildcats, and out-rebounded them 41-30.

Junior Tyce Nasinec led the 'Cats in scoring with 17 and senior Leon Johnson chipped 13 in the losing effort.

On Saturday, the Wildcats were on the road again to take on Division II Seattle Pacific University. Like the night before, the 'Cats fell by 29 points, 86-57.

"We played a good first half. In the second half, we went away from our game plan and got behind big," head coach Greg Sparling said.

The Wildcats not only lost the game, but also a key player in the process.

Sixth man Eric Davis reinjured his ankle that he had surgery on last spring.

Davis will be out for the next couple of weeks.

"Either Todd Kennedy or Keith Henning is going to have to step up and take over that role for us," Sparling said.

After hanging with the Falcons at the end of the first half, the Wildcat offense vanished in the second half.

The 'Cats shot only 25 percent from the field after the break, including going 0-12 behind the three point arc.

"We were a little fatigued going into the game after playing the night before," Sparling said.

Senior Grady Fallon led the Wildcat scoring with 18 and Junior Tyce Nasinec added 16.

The 'Cats will play at Seattle University this Saturday.

Swimmers win at home

by Viki Wenzel
Staff reporter

Central swimmers dominated at their home opener last Saturday defeating Lewis & Clark College and Linfield College at Central's aquatic facility.

The men remain undefeated with a record of 4-0 and the women improved their record to 3-1.

"This is a huge win for us, it was a very important and pivotal meet," head coach Chad Youngquist said. "Saturday's meet was our best performance by our team individually so far."

The meet started with wins from both the men and the women in the 200 medley.

The men's first place team included swimmers Marshall McKean — back stroke, Tony Preston — breast stroke, Collin Wardell — butterfly, and captain Justin Berry — freestyle.

"We have a really strong team and we are going to surprise a lot of people at nationals," Berry said.

The women's 200-meter medley team consists of Katie Tiffany — back stroke, Joni Jacobs — breast stroke, Deborah Prazee — butterfly and Jessica Lombard — freestyle.

"Our team looks really good this year, Jacobs said. "We didn't lose that many swimmers from last year and we have a young team."

Jacobs, last year's national champion in the 200-meter breast stroke will be returning to nationals this year to compete in the 100 breast stroke and the 200 individual medley.

The women grabbed first in every race, on Saturday, except the 200 individual medley.

The men finished strong, winning six of their 12 races.

"We have a better team than last year," Youngquist said.

"Both the men and the women will do better at nationals this year."

Last year, the women placed fourth and the men claimed the sixth place position.

Youngquist said both teams should jump into the top three this year.

The Central swimmers face new competition this year with San Francisco University and University of Alaska-Anchorage added to their schedule.

Youngquist said he's not sure what type of competition they will bring, but he looks forward to the new experience.

1998 WINTER INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Winter Basketball Leagues

ALPHA
Co-Ed "A"
Men's Open "B"
6' & Under "C"
Men's Open "D"

BETA
Women's "E"
6' & Under "F"
Men's Open "G"
6' & Under "H"

Time:
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm
9:00 pm

Leagues limited to the first 8 teams to register.
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5x5 Indoor Soccer Leagues

Time:
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Time:
7:15 pm
8:10 pm
9:05 pm

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Men's Singles
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Women's Doubles

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League play begins Monday January 12, 1998.
League Fees: \$5.00 per entry.

ISP League Info.

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Location: SUB III

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